

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1214 – HB 1877

March 19, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005079): Authorizes current residents and new admissions of assisted care living facilities, including those who have qualified for hospice care prior to admission, to receive hospice care services as long as his/her treating physician certifies that hospice care can be appropriately provided at the facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Allowing an individual who qualifies for hospice services to be admitted into an assisted-care living facility for those services will not impact the number of TennCare enrollees in home and community based programs.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, an enrollee will receive the hospice services regardless of the housing arrangement.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will conduct any necessary rule revisions during a regularly scheduled board meeting resulting in a not significant increase in expenditures.
- Department of Health surveyors will ensure assisted-care living facilities are complying with provisions of the bill during regular site visits.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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